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ISSUE ORDERS TO CORRECT SHORTCOMINGS -- Izgreve, No 1771, 27 Jun 50

At its session on 21 June 1950 the Council of Ministers discussed the shortcomings prevailing in housing construction and public works. One report stated that the Housing Funds were poorly financed and repair work was lagging, and public works failed to provide the population with essential facilities. Even important cities such as Stara Zagora, Gorna Oryakhovitsa, and Turnovo are not yet provided with adequate water systems. Local industry is not being supplied with local materials and waste products.

To correct these failures, the Council of Ministers has issued the following orders:

Local Industry

The Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare is directed:

1. To provide a wider assortment of goods, improve quality, and use chiefly local materials and waste products.
2. To request the cooperation of the Ministry of Finance in drawing up a proposed law providing tax exemptions for cooperative and state enterprises which expand the use of local materials and waste products.
3. To provide a stricter economy of essential materials, fuel, and other substances by preparing, before 1 November 1950, an estimate of the production cost of clothing, footwear, and other consumers' goods for the approval of the Council of Ministers.
4. To establish specific provisions for improving the quality and reducing the cost of production and services in enterprises run by the people's soviets and by the TPZK (Artisan Industrial Trade Cooperatives). The latter and all other enterprises must affix a trade-mark on all their products.
5. To establish efficient control of the goods produced and services rendered by cooperatives by giving more authority to control commissions and personnel.

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6. To submit, within 10 days, a program to improve the production of carbonated drinks (soda water, soft drinks, cider, etc.) and refer it to the people's soviets.

7. To control the issuance and distribution of materials. Favoritism must be penalized.

8. To prepare, within one month, and submit to the Council of Ministers, a proposed law on artisan production.

Housing and Public Works

The Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare is directed:

1. To submit a plan for the improvement of housing conditions during 1951 and expand the residential housing plan envisaged for the period 1951 - 1953.

2. To take strong measures to complete unfinished private housing projects and additions to existing dwellings in the following cities: Sofia, Plovdiv, Stalin, Ruse, Burgas, and others, according to the laws issued to this effect.

3. To study the program for standard dwellings in the larger cities and industrial settlements, to be built with local materials, and to help workers with loans and building material. An adequate program will be presented within 2 months to the Council of Ministers.

4. To take immediate measures for repairing private and public dwellings.

5. To establish jointly with the Ministry of Finance, within one month, the amortization deductions to be drawn by Housing Fund and industrial enterprises to assure maintenance of these organizations, and to submit the project to the Council of Ministers.

6. To publish and file data concerning the entire State Housing Fund throughout the country and to appoint, within 3 months, housing executives in the municipal people's soviets.

7. To prepare within 5 months and submit to the Council of Ministers a uniform rental rate for private and Housing Fund dwellings, and the norms for using these dwellings.

8. To prepare within 3 months and submit to the Council of Ministers a project to prevent misappropriation and dissipation of state housing funds.

Sanitation and Technical Improvements

The Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare is directed:

1. To take immediate measures for the prompt completion of the following public works: (a) the water system of Dimitrovgrad on both banks of the Maritsa River, including two water tanks, two pumping stations, wells, and about 50,000 linear meters of water pipes; (b) the Dimitrovgrad sewer system, including two filtering stations, a pumping station at the Maritsa I thermal electric plant, the main sewage disposal system, and 40,000 linear meters of street sewer; (c) the Dobrudzha water system, including essential surveys and the establishment of the main water resources and groups of water systems, and the projects for the Balchik and Obrochishte groups; (d) the water supply of the Tolbukhin group, including the pumping station, tanks, and a water main 18,000 linear meters long; (e) the water system of Stara Zagora, including the pumping station, wells, and 10,000 linear meters of water pipes connecting the pumping station with the system and the tanks.

2. To take immediate measures for the reconditioning of bathhouses and provide them with the necessary equipment.

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3. To improve street cleaning, by providing the services with trash receptacles, spraying equipment, and, especially, machines for cleaning lavatories.

Public City Transportation

The Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare is directed:

1. To establish a long-range plan for the expansion of the public transportation system in the cities, in pace with the growing requirements of the population. It must be based on the Five-Year Plan.

2. To study the proposed trolley-bus line between Plovdiv, Stalin, Ruse, and Burgas and submit it to the Council of Ministers before 1 October 1950.

3. To establish, in cooperation with the administration of automobile transportation and the SOAT /Sofia Automobile Transportation Organization?/, district auto-repair shops for current repair jobs according to the plan.

Personnel

The Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare is directed:

1. To establish training courses for improving the qualifications of architects, engineers, technicians, and other personnel, as well as to improve their ideological and political education.

The socialist, realistic style of architecture and city planning must be generally adopted. At least eight courses to train 200 people will be established for technical personnel, and two courses to train 120 people for city cleaning personnel.

2. To recommend the establishment of landscaping courses in the agronomic and forestry departments of the Georgi Dimitrov Agricultural School in Sofia.

Accounting

The Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare is directed to pay strict attention to accounting operations. Employees who are guilty of delaying accounting reports, or inaccurate in drawing them up, will be severely penalized.

General Measures to Improve Operations of the Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare

1. The Ministry of Industry and the Metalimport State Enterprise are directed to adhere strictly to the plan and to provide local industries and communal construction projects with the necessary goods and raw materials.

2. The Ministry of Industry is directed to take all necessary measures to speed the construction of the Eternit /asbestos-cement roofing material/ Plant, which will provide communal projects with "eternit" pipes and cast-iron structural members.

3. The Mashinostroene State Industrial Organization will expand the production and improve the assortment of machines, pumps, equipment, and spare parts used for water systems, sewers, bathhouses, cleaning services, and other communal operations.

4. Slaughterhouses, refrigerating plants, dairies, covered markets, and animal fairs pursuing operations which are not entirely within the communal sphere and require a more streamlined administration will be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Internal Trade.

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5. To provide unified operations, the administration of government properties will be withdrawn from the Ministry of Finance and transferred to the Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare.

6. The Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare is directed to submit to the Council of Ministers, before 1 September 1950, a statute of its operations and assignments. -- V. Chervenkov, chairman, Council of Ministers, and At. Vaynov, Secretary-General, Council of Ministers

ALLOT FUNDS FOR LOW-RENT HOUSING -- Izgrev, No 1769, 24 Jun 50

The Presidium of the National Assembly has amended the law providing low-rent housing for victims of the last war. Under the amendment, 100 million leva have been added to the housing fund to complete 210 apartments in the residential blocks of the Lagers District of Sofia.

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